

Abstract

Disclosed is a hinge device for openably and closably connecting one member and the other member, including: a base member fixed to the one member; a movable shaft that is rotatably supported by the base member and to which the other member is fixed; a leaf spring member having a curved portion and non-rotatably but axially movably inserted onto the movable shaft; and a fixing plate inserted onto the movable shaft such that the fixing plate does not rotate when the movable shaft rotates but is axially movable, the fixing plate having at least two protrusions provided on its surface in contact with the leaf spring member. The leaf spring member and the fixing plate are pressed into contact with each other for relative rotation therebetween.